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Applicant: David B. Kay

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For: **OPEN HELICAL ORGANIC TISSUE ANCHOR AND METHOD OF
FACILITATING HEALING**

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

PETITION TO REINSTATE

Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner to reinstate the above-noted PCT Application and to afford it a filing date of February 19, 1998, as a National Filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

REMARKS

On August 19, 1996, applicant filed a PCT Application PCT/US96/13570 claiming priority to U.S. Application Serial No. 08/517,259 filed August 23, 1995. Attached herewith is a notification of status requirements under 35 U.S.C. §371 dated September 24, 1996. This notification indicates that the U. S. Patent and Trademark Office, in its capacity as designated office, received a copy of the International Application and needed the following items in order to complete National Filing:

The U.S. National Fee
An Oath or Declaration, and
Amendments Under PCT Article 19, if any.

These items were filed by the Applicant on February 19, 1998.

Enclosed herewith is a copy of the Express Mail Certificate indicating the filing of the required items in a timely fashion. Specifically, Applicant enclosed a transmittal letter electing the U. S. Patent and Trademark Office, including a fee tabulation and authorization to charge deposit account 08-3150. A check was also enclosed for \$128.00 (copy of the front and back of original check enclosed). In addition, a return postcard, executed Declaration and Power of Attorney, Information Disclosure Statement and 17 references, Declaration for Utility or Design Patent Application, Verified Small Entity Statement, and a Rule 34 Amendment were also enclosed. Copies of the February 19, 1998 Express Mail Air bill, of the date stamped and returned postcard (somehow stamped January 19, 1998 by the PTO mailroom), and of the check are enclosed herewith to verify the date of the transmittal. The check was cashed by the U.S.

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Patent and Trademark Office indicating that the application was accepted for National Filing. However, no filing receipt or action has been received.

It is believed that the PTO inadvertently misplaced the documentation, which would have resulted in a U.S. filing date for this application. The applicant's undersigned representative was subsequently contacted by Mr. Darrell Cottman of the U. S. Patent and Trademark Office who indicated that he had received the Information Disclosure Statement and check, but did not have the remainder of the newly filed case. It was believed that this was a matter to be solved between the PCT Office and the U.S. Patent Office in the first instance since the PCT Office indicated that it had forwarded the International Application, and the check had been cashed. Further it is believed that the applicant met all the requirements necessary to be accorded a U.S. filing date as of February 19, 1998, and it is respectfully requested that this case be reinstated effective nunc pro tunc.

Respectfully submitted,

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PCT Application PCT/US96/13570, Filed 08/19/96 claiming priority to
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Examiner: Jeffrey A. Schmidt
Date: December 5, 2001

For: **OPEN HELICAL ORGANIC TISSUE ANCHOR AND METHOD OF FACILITATING
HEALING**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

**PETITION TO ACCORD FILING DATE
FOR EXPRESS MAIL CORRESPONDENCE NOT RECEIVED BY P.T.O.
(37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.10(e))**

1. This is a petition to accord the correspondence in the above-identified application a filing date of February 19, 1998, which is the date the correspondence was deposited with the U.S.P.S. with proper postage.
2. Submitted herewith is the statement of Laura F. Shunk as to when the discrepancy was discovered and establishing that this petition is being filed promptly thereafter. 37 C.F.R. Section 1.10(e)(1).

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING/TRANSMISSION (37 C.F.R. Section 1.8(a))

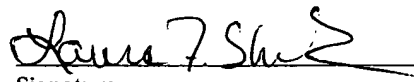
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Date: December 5, 2001

Laura F. Shunk
(type or print name of person certifying)

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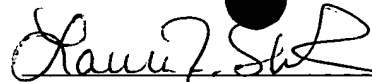
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